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The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to request it to distribute the following text as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

"The Argentine Republic deplores the fact that the People's Republic of China considered it necessary to carry out a further nuclear test on 29 July 1996.

"However, it notes with satisfaction the decision of the Chinese Government to declare a moratorium on nuclear testing, as reported by the Chinese delegation at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

"The moratorium declared by the People's Republic of China, which supplements the one already declared by the other four nuclear Powers, contributes to the conclusion of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty, and thereby to the strengthening of the nuclear-weapon non-proliferation regime.

"Buenos Aires, 5 August 1996."